

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 4, 2011
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 420
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BILL SUMMARY: Synthetic Cannabinoid Compounds

This bill would make the sale or distribution of any synthetic cannabinoid compound a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment, a fine, or both.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill would have no fiscal impact on the state.

Any local government costs resulting from the mandate in this measure would not be state-reimbursable, because the mandate only involves the definition of a crime or the penalty for conviction of a crime.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill. Existing law makes it a crime, punishable as a misdemeanor, for any person to possess more than 28.5 grams of marijuana. Existing law makes it a crime, punishable as a felony, for any person to possess marijuana for sale or distribution or sell, furnish, transport, or import marijuana.

This bill would make it a misdemeanor to possess or sell any synthetic cannabinoid compound.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	Code
9901/Var Depts	SO	No		-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----			0001

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